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Dear Mr. Wilson

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me yesterday. I enclose a copy of the only accurate book written on the Dr. King murder, "Frame Up", by Harold Weisberg. It was reissued as "Martin Luther King, The Assassination", but is hard to find.

I will attempt to explain who I am and who we are. I am a 44 year old attorney with a history degree. My original emphasis was on the Warren Commission, doing research on Sen. John Sherman Cooper. Cooper disagreed with the single bullet theory, which as you know, is impossible. I later found out through Weisberg that Sen. Richard Russell never agreed with the Report, but always expressed the belief that JFK's death was a conspiracy.

I spent 10 years trying to get a copy of "Whitewash, The Report on the Warren Report". It was out of print, but I found Weisberg's address and wrote him. We have become best friends. It is ironic that he now has three books in print, "Selections from Whitewash", "Case Open", and "Never Again!". I had a small bit in the last two, but got edited out. However, my wife is quoted in Never Again! You should buy these books, as "Case Open" is getting hard to find. It is the antidote for Posner's "Case Closed".
Posner did much of his research at Weisberg's.

Anyway, it turned out that Harold was also the leading expert on the Dr. King murder. Watergate lawyer Bud Fensterwald, Jim Lesar, and Weisberg represented James Earl Ray in 1974, trying to get Ray a trial. Weisberg interviewed Ray, became friends, and I think Ray realized that Weisberg did more for him than anyone else. He called Harold a few weeks before his death.

I was in Frederick with Harold when James Earl Ray died. I came out of the hardware store, buying a lightbulb to replace for Harold, he was listening to the radio, and, choked up, told me they had just announced that Ray had died.

Ray is innocent of killing Dr. King, and the FBI knows it. They are a strange organization. Frankly, your own behaviour as to the evidence found in Ray's car was wrong, but I applaud you for coming out with the truth, I know it has not been a picnic for you.

Here is a list of the leading experts on both the murders of President Kennedy and Dr. King. All are close friends to me except for Jim Lesar.

Harold Weisberg, 7627 Old Receiver Rd. Frederick, Maryland 21702 Phone 1-301-473-8186. Phone may be tapped. 85 years young, he has mediocre physical health, but excellent mental health. Uses hearing aids, speaks on a speaker phone, so sound may be odd. He would be glad to speak to you, tell him I suggested it.

Prof. Gerald McKnight, Hood College, Frederick, Maryland. Lives down street from Weisberg. Has indexed over 100,000 FBI documents. 65 He has new book,"The Last Crusade", on last days of Dr. King. Great book.

Prof. David Wrone, retired, Univ. of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. About 65. Brilliant man, probably leading academic on both murders.

Prof. Gerry Ginocchio, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC. 47 years old, my buddy, we just went up to Weisberg's to do research on both murders. Also one of nation's leading experts on Malcolm X case.

Bill Neichter, 44, sort of a junior expert compared to the above. Criminal law, business law, I hope to do some public speaking on these subjects.

Jim Lesar, Washington DC attorney. Expert on Freedom of Information Act. Jim has been mildly criticized for tendency to believe some of the more wild conspiracy scenarios, but he was probably the best lawyer James Earl Ray ever had. I have corresponded with him, but don't really know him. Friend of Weisberg's. Lawyer in his FOIA suits.

Anything one of us has, he usually makes a Xerox for the others. We try to be very open with each other. Intellectual honesty is very important for us.

The bottom line on these cases is this. As for the murder of President Kennedy, I can speak for all but Lesar. We do not believe Lee Harvey Oswald killed anyone, either JFK or police officer Tippit. FBI tests prove Oswald did not fire a rifle that day. Both paraffin tests and Neutron Activation Analysis. Oswald probably had intelligence connections. Had cryptoclearance in Marines, a fact hidden from Warren Commission. Jack Ruby not part of conspiracy, a mentally ill fellow who thought he would be a hero by killing Oswald. At least two shooters at JFK. No real leads on them. As hard as it is to believe, Kennedy's murder has elements of a military coup d'etat. He was withdrawing from Vietnam, a fact the Pentagon Papers revealed. Which is why Nixon tried to hide Papers. JFK had violent disagreements with Joint Chiefs of Staff. They disobeyed direct orders to remove nuclear missiles in Turkey, five times. Which became a problem in Cuban Missile Crisis. Military faked Gulf of Tonkin Incident. Lied to Kennedy in Bay of Pigs. During Missile Crisis, Sec. of Defense Robert McNamara was actually thrown out of War Situation Room, told he did not have clearance to be there. Gen. Curtis LeMay actually told JFK he"lost" in Cuba because we did not bomb them or invade. Oswald's military records destroyed. JFK also told he did not have authority to limit nuclear war, only

had authority to make "go" or "no go" decision, actual targets and countries involved were to be determined by military. Perhaps an unsolvable murder.

President Johnson, Sen. Richard Russell, and Vice President Al Gore all have stated that JFK's death was a conspiracy.

As far as the death of Martin Luther King, it is solvable. Rauol appears to be a real person, with connections in Louisiana. Leads point to Whitey Partin, an FBI informant who was a Teamster who helped put Hoffa away. Also, Leander Perez. The FBI worked with writers from the Reader's Digest to put out story that Ray acted alone. FBI hated Dr. King so much, they even sent him letter encouraging him to commit suicide. While it is certainly understandable that Ray is primary suspect, crooked lawyers such as Percy Foreman acted to keep Ray in prison. He would have been better off with any public defender, who are usually honest.Ray was quite a jailhouse lawyer and escape artist.

Bill Pepper knows Weisberg. Pepper is offbase, with his accusations that the army, FBI, CIA, Memphis Police, and Mafia conspired to kill Dr. King. We do not put much faith in Loyd Jowers, the Frank Liberto theory, or the idea that the two murders were somehow connected. We are open to other ideas, however. But the King murder seems to be some kind of racist conspiracy, the manipulation of Ray before the murder,the false police broadcast, the dropping of the alleged murder weapon-which could not be matched to the bullet- these all seem to indicate a conspiracy.I say, if it was not a conspiracy, then why is it so complicated? James Earl Ray was a pro criminal, but somewhat incompetent. He was very intelligent. His only motivation was to make money, stay free, and try to move out of the country.He has been pictured as a racist, but he was probably no more racist than the average American in 1968-or the average FBI agent. He has a pretty good alibi that he was getting a tire leak looked at at the time of Dr. King's murder.

I do think it is tragic that Dexter King has blamed Lyndon Johnson. LBJ risked his career and the future of the Democrat party in the South to get the Civil Rights legislation. LBJ was right, the Republicans have made inroads in the South playing on the racism of people, in subtle and not so subtle ways. LBJ was mad at King for opposing the Vietnam War, and King might have led a black boycott of the draft.It is unfair to let rich kids get college deferments, while drafting the poor and black. But for all his faults, we do not believe LBJ had anything to do with the deaths of JFK or Dr. King.

It is one thing to see that the accused are innocent, another to "solve" the crime. The main rap on the FBI is that they never gave either case a proper investigation, and then they tried to destroy the credibility of the critics.

I have tried to give you an overview of these subjects. We would love to get copies of the material you found in James Earl Ray's car. I hope you have made copies, because I still think the FBI might show up on your doorstep and demand them.

When the time is right, we hope you can give us copies of this material.

Along with"Frame Up", inside you will find some material you might find interesting. Harold filed over a dozen FOIA suits, and has had hundreds ofthousands of pages of material given to him. Give him a call, he would be glad to speak with you. I have sent him a copy of this letter.

My father in law lives in Deerfield. I hope we can hook up sometime in the next few months for lunch. He is my clipping service in Chicago.I get all articles concerning JFK, Dr.King, Caterpillar, (my family owns part of a Cat dealer here), and Coach Ditka and the Bulls. It is a full service clipping service!

I look forward to meeting you, and thank you again for speaking to me.

Sincerely,

Bill Neichter

PS Also, good luck with the music business.I have always been interested in it, was on the Concert Committee at UK. I never cease to be amazed at the money rock groups make these days. I guess I am really getting old, groups I never heard of sell out 20,000 seat arenas here. Oh, to be a kid again!

You may know my friend Charlie Ricketts, former FBI agent in Washington in early 70's. No one wants to listen to Charlie's stories about the FBI but me, so I send him some old FBI memos to keep him on his toes. Nice guy, a defense and business lawyer in Louisville.